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REMARKS

This is responsive to Examiner's Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment of April 10, 2006.

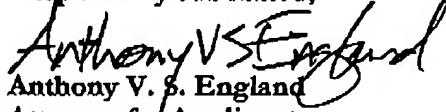
Applicant filed Reply A and Drawing Amendment on April 3, 2006 by US Mail in response to Examiner's non-final Office action of January 3, 2006. Subsequent to filing Reply A, Applicant noticed that Examiner's rejection to claim 14 (regarding indefiniteness) had not been addressed by Reply A, and filed Supplement to Reply A by facsimile transmission on April 4, 2006, amending claim 14 to change "the" to "a." Because the USPTO received Supplement to Reply A prior to Reply A and Drawing Amendment, the OIPE apparently concluded that Supplement to Reply A was all that Applicant had filed in response to the Office action of January 3, 2006, and that Applicant, therefore, had filed a non-compliant response.

Please substitute the attached claims section for the sections that were submitted in Reply A and Supplement to Reply A.

REQUESTED ACTION

For the above reasons, Applicant contends the invention as in the claims set forth herein above is patentably distinct. Applicant requests that Examiner grant allowance and prompt passage of the application to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,


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